

Political turmoil ends in shaky elections

by Karen Valihora

McGill non-academic staff will be voting for a new executive this Friday in by-elections, and the candidates are struggling to present a credible image.

Three of the ten candidates vying for the five executive positions, including both candidates for president, were ordered to step down in a petition signed by 25 per cent of the organization's membership.

McGill University Non-Academic Staff Association (MUNASA) member Claire Cooney-Sovetts' petition cited "obvious and unviable political turmoil on the executive committee", and demanded its liquidation.

Current MUNASA interim president Irene MacArthur was elected last January by a slim majority. According to past executive secretary Murray Sweet, "last January there were two slates running, and she was the only one on her slate who got in." The opposing slate included VP Liaison Trevor Garland, VP Jim McVety, and Sweet.

The new president faced a united executive opposed to her leadership.

She described herself as "the new kid on the block. I expected a lot of flack, the normal fear of change, especially as I am a strong, opinionated female with definite goals. Perhaps some people didn't care for that."

According to Garland and McVety, "the breakdown in cooperation between the president and the rest of her officers that cripples the association began the first weekend following the January elections."

In February, the executive committee discovered a secretary had committed fraud to the tune of \$15 000 over a three and a half year period.

The discovery of the theft rocked an already shaky executive committee.

"This was something that had gone on for some three and a half years," said MacArthur. "They [the executive] had to feel some responsibility, and I was held responsible as president. I just wanted to fix it quickly and get to the bottom of the facts."

According to Garland, "embezzlement happens quite frequently within the McGill community and

among all businesses. Statistics show 30 per cent of all business failures are the result of employee theft. It happens in unions. It's a matter of misplaced trust, but you have to trust people."

Three lawyers were called in and the case was settled informally. No charges were pressed.

VP Garland and VP McVety tendered their intent to resign June 21, three days after Sweet resigned officially June 18. But they were beaten to the punch by Claire Cooney-Sovetts' petition August 11.

Garland said, "We submitted our intent to resign after properly conducted by-elections. We couldn't leave before the places were filled. That would be irresponsible."

"Then a petition was completed by one-quarter of the membership demanding the emptying of all five positions. So that changed the terms of our resignation. In effect it was cancelled, and everyone was out of office," Garland added, "we are both running for re-election."

The executive will continue with their duties until Friday's elections. "We can't just shut MUNASA down until the elections

are held," says Garland.

This time round, Garland is running for president against MacArthur. He is asking voters to vote for his entire slate. Their first priority is to "end the political infighting and re-establish a stable, united executive". MacArthur has not declared a slate, claiming candidates should run as individuals, and the person best suited for the job should win. "I am prepared to work with whoever is elected. That has always been my policy. I do my job and they do theirs," she said.

Garland's slate includes McVety, and Allan Youster, MUNASA's last president, who held the job for ten years. Youster intends to fill the position of Vice President for at most the four month term the by-elections are filling in. He hopes "to use my experience as past President to help get MUNASA back on track".

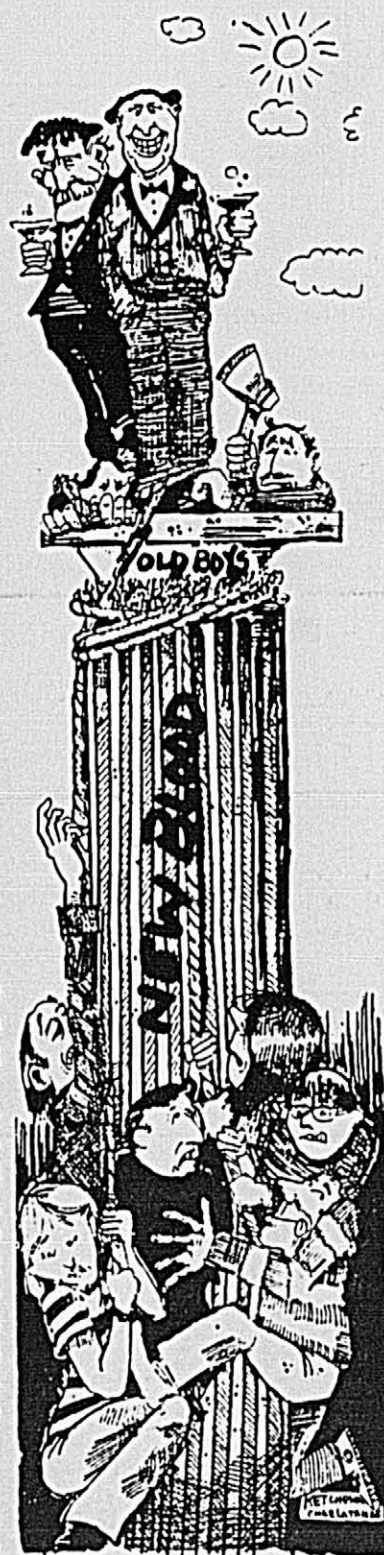
Members of MUNASA see this election, like the last one, as a fight between the "old guard" and the new candidates. "The election of Irene MacArthur was really the first time someone new had broken into 'old guard,'" said Nick Schesakowich, Technical Worker's Council alternate representative to the Executive. "I have to honestly say she was the sole person who tried to bring some democracy back into MUNASA."

Many of MacArthur's supporters feel the term of office for executives should be limited. "Five total individuals ran for office last year, and MacArthur was the only one to make it. We can see the same thing happening this time, when we compare MacArthur running with four others against the 'unified team' of Garland, McVety, Youster, and friends," said a source who wished to remain unidentified.

Public Turmoil

Supporters of both sides have taken advantage of publicity to

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Students want military info

by Trefor Smith

This afternoon at 14h20 the Leacock council room opens its doors for the first senate meeting of the 1988-89 session.

Senate's Academic Planning and Policy Committee is endorsing a proposal to be put before Senate from the Faculty of Graduate Studies. They seek to establish a new Centre for Applied Family Studies.

The centre has already secured close to \$1 million in funding from private donations. A search committee has been formed by the School of Social Work, headed by VP Research Gordon MacLachlan, to look for a woman to chair the centre.

The faculty wants the centre to address current social crises such as homelessness and widespread unemployment among young people, the drastic increase in Canada's elderly population, and the increasing ethnic diversity in Canadian society. They argue the centre would encourage debate and open new alternatives in social policy, and would be "extremely attractive" to both funding and researchers.

The document, seeking university funding, predicts a national and international reputation for the new



Housing activists protest government inaction. see p. 5

Centre.

Missing from the agenda is the issue of student and staff access to summaries and approval checklists of military research contracts on campus. Last semester, Senate passed a motion requiring research teams currently conducting research on campus to fill-out "ap-

As of yet, no such documenta-

proval forms", and to place all information in the library.

Senate drafted new military research regulations last year. They require all contracted researchers on campus to declare the purpose of their research, to ensure nothing being done on campus could be construed "directly harmful" to the public.

tion is available in any of the five libraries it was promised for.

Student Senators will ask today why the item was omitted from the agenda, and if a deadline will be set for carrying out the motion.

Professor Myrna Gopnik, whose efforts were instrumental in passing the motion last year, believes the matter has not been forgotten. "The motion was passed... these things take time. The grant requests [for military research] aren't even in yet." For the moment four military research contracts underway at McGill continue under a veil of secrecy. Also on the agenda is a Faculty of Arts proposal for a minor

program in French Canadian Studies; and a Department of Physics proposal for a new minor program in Geophysics.

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Errata

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McGill gets \$55 000 from Québec

by Catherine Burwell

McGill University is launching a new investigation into employment practices that discriminate against women on campus.

The university has received a \$55 000 grant from the provincial government to conduct a study of women in academic and administrative positions on campus.

The study will examine salary differences between men and women at the university, and hiring and promotion practices that discriminate against women.

"The study will research why women aren't reaching higher positions in the university, because right now they certainly are not reaching those positions," said Brenda Hearst of the McGill Association of University Teachers (MAUT).

"More than 50 per cent of stu-

dents at McGill are women, but in the academic positions there are far fewer women than men. There is a definite imbalance," said Suzy Slavin, Chairperson for the Senate Committee on Women.

Hearst and Slavin, along with representatives from three other womens' groups, met with Vice-Principal of Planning Paul Davenport last Friday to make suggestions about the content and structure of the study.

The women requested a meeting with Davenport after they realized the university was intending to conduct the study without consulting McGill's womens' groups.

"They just didn't think of consulting us," Slavin said. "But once we requested a meeting, VP Davenport was very receptive."

The university received the grant money from the Québec government project "Programme

d'accès à l'égalité en emploi pour les femmes." According to Margaret Gillett, director of the Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, most Québec universities have already received funding from this project.

Most of the \$55 000 grant will be used to pay the person conducting the study. Hearst said that although the university will make the final decision, the representatives from the five groups asked that a

woman be hired to do the study.

The women also suggested giving someone a full-time position to study employment practices at McGill, rather than relying on sporadic studies, Slavin said.

"Eight years ago there was a study of salary. The study was completed and steps were taken, but now we're back at the same place," Slavin said.

Condom machines haven't been seen

by Susana Bejar

Last year two condom machines were ripped out of the walls of McGill's Student Union building and never seen again. Students' Society never replaced them. The cost of replacement was estimated last year at \$300 per dispenser.

The machines were installed as part of McGill Students' Society 'safe sex campaign'. Proceeds from condom sales were to go towards a safe sex fund.

Last year's SSMU President Daniel Tenenbaum said, "We investigated other types of machines that would be more resistant to

vandalism, but we found no alternatives, and the issue was dropped."

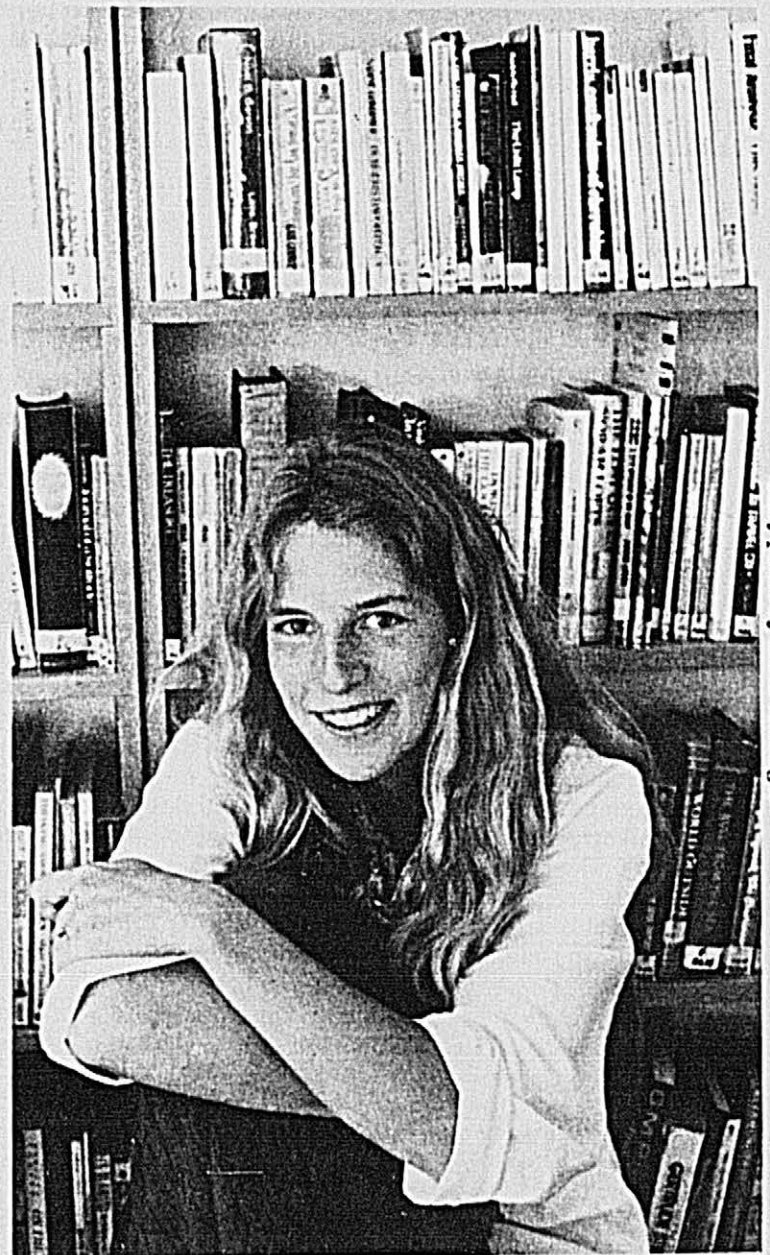
But Andrew Madsen, co-president of Concordia University Students' Association, said condom machines at Concordia's Hall building had never been vandalized. "We just found these really strong brackets, securing them to the walls," said Madsen.

"Jane", a third-year McGill student, agrees that making condoms available to students on campus is an essential part of any safe sex campaign. "The Union Building is such a pick-up spot. If condoms are easily accessible it's more likely they will be used. They should at

least have them in the residences."

SSMU President Nancy Côté said she knew of no plans to replace the condom dispensers this year. VP Internal Amanda Kalhok confirmed that this year's council has not discussed condom machines at all, "although it might be something to look into."

Condom dispensers are most prominent in Montréal's CEGEPs, such as de Maisonneuve. Concordia is currently the only university in Montréal with condom dispensers on campus. According to Chantal Guindin, responsable interne at l'Université du Québec à Montréal, their students' society is looking into the matter.



Daily photo by Heidi Hollinger

McGill gets new beer delivery charges

by Susana Bejar

CVC McGill, the food and beverages service, has imposed a delivery charge on beer delivered to campus buildings outside of the Union Building.

The delivery of one to five cases of beer now incurs a fee of \$15, 6 to 35 cases will be charged \$20, 36 to 75 cases will be charged \$25 and from 76 to 100 cases will be charged \$30. If a group wants to pick up the beer themselves there is no fee.

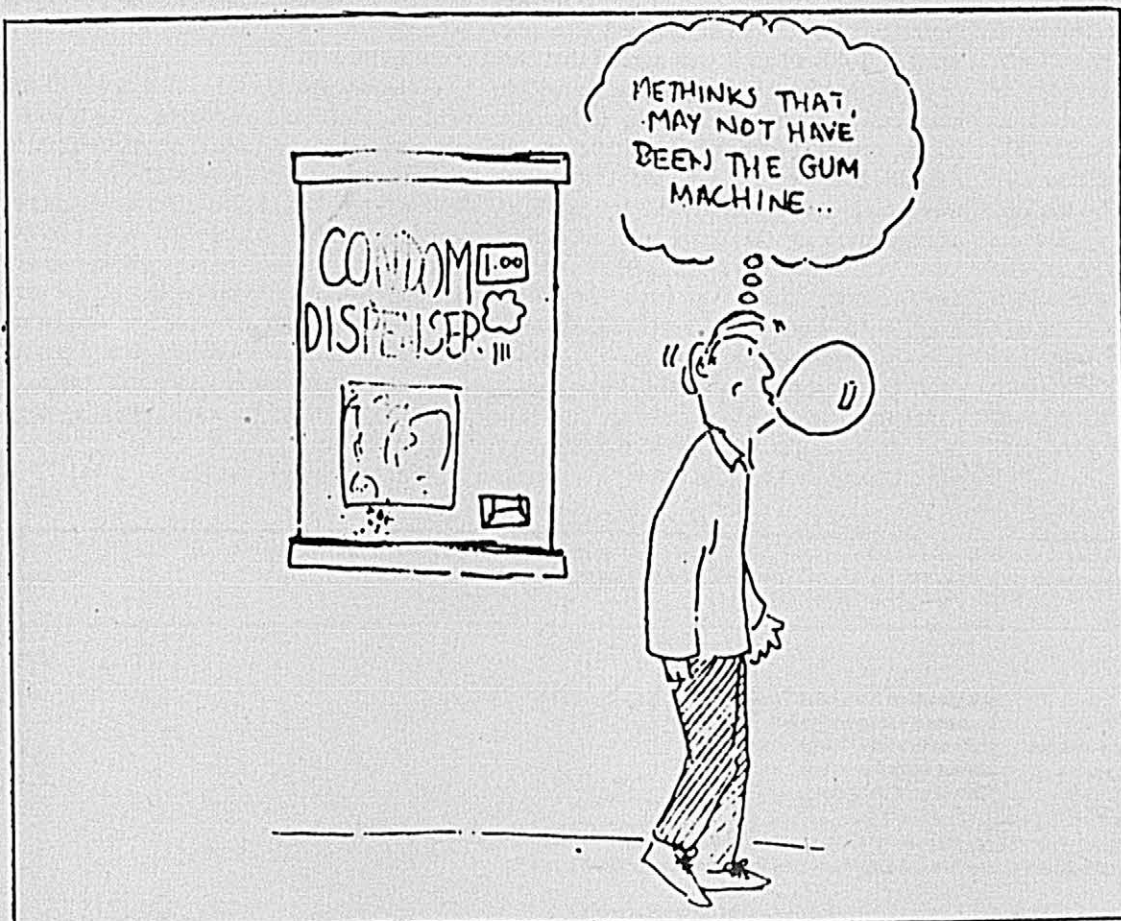
According to Rolf Walter, Food and Beverage service director at CVC, 80 to 90 per cent of beer orders are in the 6 to 35 case range

"The fee is not there to make

money, it's a question of covering the costs of transporting the beer to the other buildings. Trucks, gas, and manpower must be paid. One trip going and coming can take up to 40 minutes, and this doesn't include picking up the empties when the event is over," said Walter.

The decision was made by CVC, but according to SSMU president Nancy Cote, CVC consults SSMU on its decisions since the SSMU contracts CVC's services.

What remains to be explained is why the fee was only incurred this year, if the transportation costs have always existed. Nobody at SSMU or CVC can actually answer that question at this point.



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comment

Entente Cordiale challenges fundamental rights

Entente Cordiale wants to water down Law 101. It says its interest is French prominence in Québec but its proposal is just what the Liberal party needs.

The majority of Québécois with English as their first language now recognize the French character of the province but insist on an amendment to Article 58 of Law 101. Article 58 forbids any language other than French on commercial signs, though it grants exceptions in cases where signs have cultural relevance.

A new group has surfaced at McGill to launch a province-wide petition calling for bilingual signs with French prominence. Entente Cordiale has carved out a position in the language debate between the two large lobby groups in Québec, the Société St-Jean Baptiste and Alliance Québec. The Société St-Jean Baptiste launched the "Ne touchez pas à la Loi 101" and "Je vis en Français et je l'affiche" campaigns. Alliance Québec has been lobbying the government since its inception to increase the role of the English language in the province.

By adopting the apparent middle ground between the two, Entente Cordiale tries to make bilingual signs—the central issue to the whole debate—seem palatable. They aren't. The unilingual sign clause in Law 101 protects the French face of Québec. That the French-speaking majority in this province should live in an area that is a visible representation of their culture is a legitimate claim. That English-speaking businesspeople, a minority within a minority, should have the right to advertise their product in English is not.

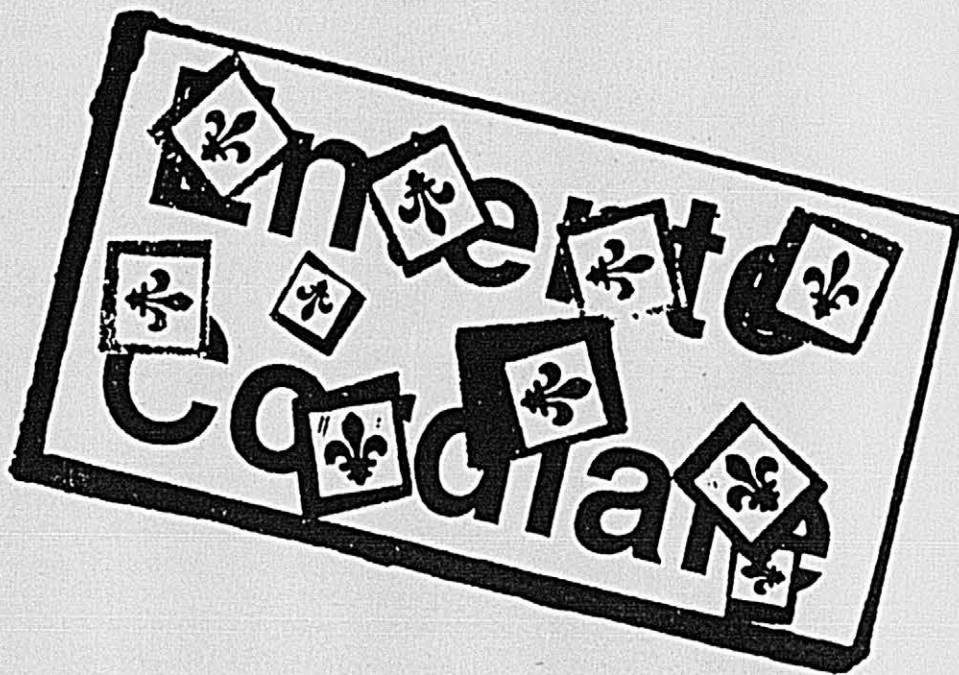
Article 58 was deemed unconstitutional by a Québec Court of Appeals, which held that language restrictions are restrictions on freedom of expression which violate the Québec and Canadian Charters of Rights and Freedoms. The court's decision was appealed and is on its way to the Supreme Court of Canada.

But the restrictions on freedom of expression which are a dangerous affront to basic human freedoms are restrictions on content, not restrictions on the vehicle of expression.

Louis Dussault, honorary co-chair of Entente Cordiale, challenges proponents of the law to come up with another country that does not include language in its interpretation of freedom of expression. Of the countries which have freedom of expression laws, only one is in a situation similar to that of Québec. Belgium has a Flemish-speaking majority which, lacking any equivalent to Bill 101, is worse off

than Québec's French majority before the Quiet Revolution. So in response to Dussault's challenge, although no other countries have laws against the language of expression, all have restrictions on the vehicle of expression as defined by the specific situations of their societies. While it is permitted to argue in favor of nudism, it is not permitted to do so naked.

The other question that is raised though, as Entente Cordiale tries to justify bilingual signs while claiming a commitment to the predominance of French, is "Why now?" A federal election is imminent and a provincial election will be called immediately afterwards. The Liberal Party has been trying to distance itself from Law 101 but faces constant opposition from its French electorate. In the last election campaign it promised changes to its English constituents and told its French



constituents it would leave the law alone. But at the last election campaign it had to side with one of two camps.

Now it has another alternative. With all its talk of French prominence while watering down the law that guarantees it, Entente Cordiale is the ideal third party for the Liberals to side with. With its board of 30 distinguished—but anonymous—Canadians, there is cause to wonder how it started, for whom, and to what end.

Eric Smith

letters

To the Daily:

The enclosed letter is submitted to your publication by me because of your campus wide circulation to students and staff. At this time you are my last hope for a fair response to a completely wrong article published in the *Tribune*, as they have refused to publish my letter. Please publish my explanatory letter and help clear my name on campus.

Murray Sweet

Mechanical Engineering

To the Tribune:

I am writing to complain about the article entitled "MUNASA scandal heats up" which appeared in the September 13, 1988 edition of the *Tribune*. I do not know if this article is

solely the result of irresponsible reporting or if you have also been manipulated by those you have interviewed, but it is clearly wrong.

In the article, the Executive Secretary of MUNASA, "Marier Sweet" is named as having embezzled approximately \$15 000 from MUNASA, and as having subsequently resigned, followed a week later by the two Vice-Presidents. As Murray Sweet, Executive Secretary of MUNASA at the time, I demand a retraction of the article, a public apology stating that the article published is totally untrue, and that I be permitted to set the record straight by having this letter and your retraction published in at least as prominent a location in your next issue.

The fact of the matter is that the paid office secretary of MUNASA resigned effective April 7, 1988 when it was agreed that she owed MUNASA \$15 000, an amount which has since been repaid in full. I, Murray Sweet, resigned as Executive Secretary on June 18, 1988 because I felt the Association was being totally paralyzed by political manipulation by certain people, including Irene MacArthur and Nick Schestakowich, the two individuals you have chosen to interview and quote in your two articles on the subject to date. The two Vice-Presidents cited similar reasons when they submitted a joint letter of resignation the following week. In August, 25 per cent of the membership signed a petition asking that new elections be

held for all five executive officer positions, because of the "obvious and unviable political turmoil".

As you seem to know, as a result of the petition, election procedures are presently underway in MUNASA. I am not involved in those elections, but others are. What you have written, in addition to being personally damaging to me, could well influence the outcome of the elections. I think you are intelligent enough to know that. At the very best the articles the *Tribune* has written on the matter are irresponsible, incompetent, and one-sided—not to mention untrue. I repeat my demand for a full public apology and retraction.

Murray Sweet

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Protesters deplore govt inaction on housing

by Joyce Lombardi

More than forty protesters demanded the release of a much-delayed provincial housing policy near the Liberal Party Headquarters in Parc La Haye September 26.

Several Montréal housing groups set up tents to symbolise the lack of housing in Québec. They also submitted a list of demands to Québec Premier Henri Bourassa and to provincial Housing Director and Minister of Municipal Affairs Pierre Paradis through the Québec Liberal Party President Robert Benoit.

Pierre Gaudreau, an organizer from le Front d'action populaire en réaménagement urbain (FRAPRU), said the housing crisis in Québec will worsen if the provincial government "continues to neglect social housing."

The list of demands submitted by FRAPRU asks that the new provincial housing policy include funding for cooperative housing, low-income housing, and non-

profit groups which provide housing such as shelters and half-way homes.

FRAPRU, and other organizations participating in Monday's demonstration, are now waiting for a response from Paradis before taking further action.

Gaudreau said FRAPRU is making sure that Paradis "doesn't forget (housing groups) exist."

He added Monday's action was small because housing groups are gearing up for a protest against Paradis' Social Aid Reform Bill on October 15.

The Parc La Haye demonstration was repeated in five other cities throughout Québec. It kicked-off a province-wide campaign organized by FRAPRU to pressure Paradis, to release a social housing policy to the public.

"Low-income people have waited long enough," Gaudreau said.

The Québec government has been promising the "imminent release" of an official housing policy since 1977, but it has not yet materialized, Gaudreau said.

André Bourbeau, the former provincial Director of Housing, announced that the emergence of the policy was "only a matter of days" in June of 1988, but then was succeeded by Paradis that same month, causing more delays, Gaudreau added.

Sylvie Marier, press assistant for Paradis said he "reviewed Bourbeau's proposal with interest when he came into office."

But Paradis will not release his own policy until January because he is waiting for the National Assembly to adopt his Social Aid Reform Bill this December, she said.

"The two policies touch the same low-income population," she said, adding that Paradis will formulate a specific housing policy based on changes made by the welfare reforms.

But Gaudreau said, "It shows that Paradis is just not interested in housing. And his welfare reform bill won't help low-income people, it's going to hurt them."

One example of Paradis' proposed reforms is to penalize by \$85 per month welfare recipients who are living together.

"They're penalizing people who are living together to try to make ends meet," Gaudreau said.

In the absence of a "known and officially debated" housing platform, according to FRAPRU, the Liberal Party can continue to neglect social housing.

After abolishing the Ministry of Housing in 1985 (and lumping it under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Municipal Affairs) the Liberals cut funding to the principal programs of social housing aide. These cuts abolished cooperative housing programs and technical assistance to cooperative housing. It also reduced the construction of Habitation Loyer Modique (low-income housing) units by 50 per cent since the early 80's.

FRAPRU estimates the housing crisis has hit more than one million people in Québec, and the numbers are growing steadily.

The Fédération des coopératives d'habitation de l'Île de Montréal (FECHIM), states

that 4000 new units of housing are built each year in Montréal cannot accommodate the 14 000 people who are on the waiting list.

The housing crisis is spreading the fastest in Montréal where more than half the population rent their homes. Some tenants must face paying up to 50 percent of their incomes in rent, and the possibility of being evicted from their apartments by landlords who sell the buildings or renovate.

Gaudreau cites the current struggle at Overdale as an example of Montréal's housing bias.

"The government right now favors the private landlords," he said. "We want some of that money they are giving to them for renovations to go to social housing."



Daily photo by Karl Unrich

THE POLITICS OF HUMAN GEOGRAPHY

BY ZEB BROWN

Marie Fleming's biography of Reclus is the first account of his philosophy to appear in English. Her description of Reclus's life necessarily encompasses the history of upheaval in nineteenth century France, along with its entangled trains of thought, so the book serves as an excellent introduction to anarchist theory.

The course of Reclus's life seems today to be stereotypical almost to the point of self-parody. His rejection of his Calvinist roots, and of religious life, led to further theological studies and experiments in communardism in the Sierra Nevada. He became involved with an array of leftist groups, each a mutation of the last, before his arrest

and participating in the 1871 Paris Commune uprising. A willful prisoner of conscience, he was eventually released and exiled, to rejoin the same organisations he would soon characterize as regressive and oppressive.

The Pros and Cons of Nationalism

Reclus's ideas on anarchism are rooted in his faith in the compassion held by each person for all. Solidarity,

he was convinced, will eventually supplant every form of authoritarianism as the exploited masses come to realize not only that it is the single just means of achieving equality, but also that such compassion can be relied upon without fear of reprisal.

Reclus completely rejected any notion of nationalism, because of the potential for national chauvinism to generate hostility against anyone who happens to live on the other side of an arbitrarily-drawn boundary.

His geographical studies provided additional ammunition in condemning national borders as artificially-imposed impediments to the harmonious relation which should exist between humans and nature.

But the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 forced Reclus to temporarily suspend his anti-nationalism, and reverse his position in order to defend recent advances in French democratization. While France qua France may not be worth fighting for, Reclus believed that France qua Republic was, and enrolled in the National Guard to fight *la guerre à l'outrance*.

"Nationalist pride may have been implicit in Elisée's initial opposition to peace imposed by Prussia," writes Fleming. "This sentiment passed, however—although nationalism of

sorts persisted in his obsession with the idea that the existence of the French Republic was crucial to the establishment of a universal Republic... They were fighting not only for the French Republic, Reclus reminded [the people] but also for the future German Republic."

That Reclus remained at heart anti-nationalist is evidenced, if not proved, by his role in the Paris Commune's unsuccessful revolution. Along with his brother Paul, Elisée was captured at Chatillon and witnessed Emile Duval's murder, and despite appeals from prominent academic figures, he spent over a year in jail before his sentence was commuted to exile in Switzerland.

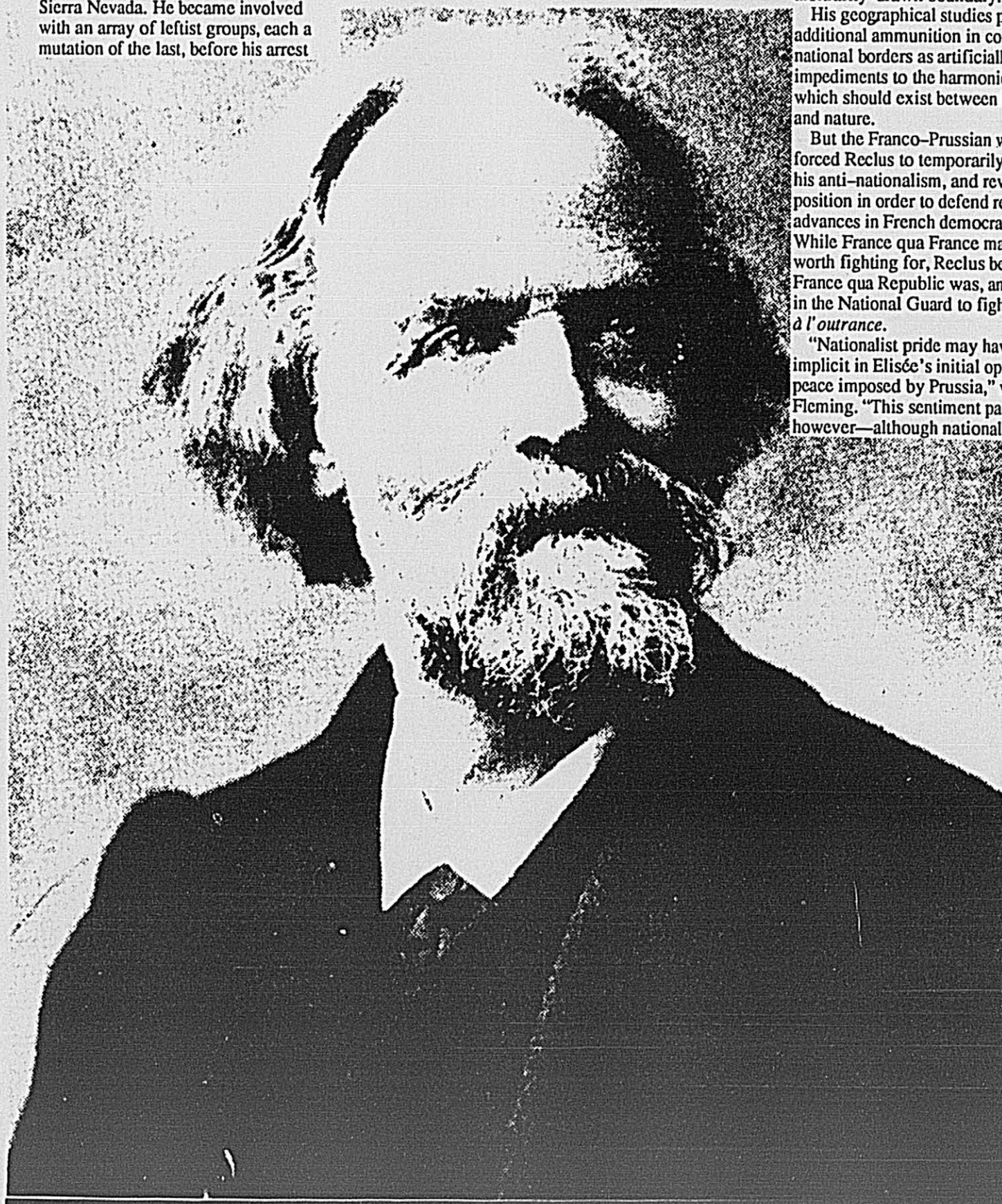
Reclus's scholarly eminence caused the French government some embarrassment, and he was repeatedly offered freedom in exchange for an apology, but Reclus refused to concede.

"I have certainly suffered very much since my imprisonment and earlier during the Franco-Prussian War and the Commune," he writes in a letter, "but... my great consolation has been to be able to act according to my conscience. More than once I have had to question my sense of duty, but I have not hesitated to obey, at the risk of

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compromising life or liberty. For this today I have the satisfaction of having won the respect even of my political adversaries."

In prison, Reclus's eminence grew both in the outside world which lauded



his martyr ideals, and within the institution, where his reformist energies were directed toward other inmates. A fellow prisoner wrote that Reclus "is making a great contribution to making our sad stay more endurable with his daily discussions, as interesting as they are instructive, always stressing the idea of right and justice. He supports our republican faith, and several of us owe it to him that they will leave prison better than they were when they came."

A Step to the Left

Although Reclus once believed that socialism, attained through parliament or other government bodies, was plausible and practical, his experience with the Commune altered his direction and left him to a large extent feeling politically isolated.

Reclus also renounced the tactic of negative voting, since even supporting the least-popular candidate in an election involves participating in, and tacitly approving, an authoritarian structure with only shades of democratic legitimacy.

Various alternative structures of government which could exist within capitalist-pseudo-democratic societies were attacked by Reclus, although they held great appeal for his contemporary anarchists. Co-operatives are counterproductive, he said, since their success entails capital gain and consequently their members become bourgeois and move into "the great brotherhood of the privileged," to be lost to the revolution forever.

After visiting the United States and South America in the first half of the eighteenth century, Reclus eventually abandoned his plan to create a separate anarchist community, and chastised his comrades who held firm to the idea.

"It is to live in conditions of equality and escape from the falsehoods and hypocrisies of a society of superiors and inferiors, that so many men and women have formed themselves into closed corporations and little worlds apart. America abounds in communities

separate ourselves from the world to build a little church, hidden in some vast wilderness. Here is the fighting ground, and we remain in the ranks, ready to give our help wherever it may be most needed."

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"Mutual aid pointed to the future," says Fleming. "It was not simply desirable; it was necessary, natural, and morally and intellectually superior to primitive notions of competition... It was... inconceivable that the working class, once victorious, would revert to the primitive law of competition, since in the very act of freeing themselves workers would develop an instinct for co-operation, and this would bring about fundamental change."

To the Individual

The ability and right of the individual to self-determination, while always present in Reclus's political philosophy, assumed much more importance in the last 30 years of his life. A person could not have acted badly, he said, if they had listened to their conscience, regardless of what it had told them.

To instill in the population a good conscience and astute consciousness, "scientific socialist education" was paramount. Reclus outlined three proposals for improving schooling at sympathetic institutions: a list of worthy textbooks would be composed, new textbooks would be written, based on socialist literature, and children would be assured a totally secular education, even beyond the influence of political opinion.

In addition, "charting his anarchist way to socialism meant relentless propaganda against the existing order," writes Fleming. "People would have to be shown the injustices around them, and revolt could follow. Any overt rejection of injustice was viewed positively; even vengeance he saw as a form of primitive justice. Terrorism, or propaganda by the deed, as the anarchists called it, had serious ramifications."

While Reclus later denounced vengeance as regressive, 'propaganda by the deed' appealed to him "because

it exposed the vulnerability of the state and raised the hope of anarchist revolution," says Fleming. "...For Reclus, propaganda was simply information, communication, the 'facts,' rather than deliberate distortion. Anarchist propaganda could take any number of forms, from apparently harmless casual conversation with the oppressed, to newspaper articles, to acts of violence.

"In a word, if whole classes and populations are unfairly used, and have no hope of finding in the society to which they belong a redresser of abuses, is it not certain that they will resume their inherent right of vengeance and execute it without pity? Is not this indeed a law of Nature, a consequence of the physical law of shock and counter shock?... Oppression has always been answered with violence."

Reclus regretted that the terrorist actions happened, but saw them as unavoidable, unpredictable (therefore excusable) and perhaps necessary.

Nearing the End

Always a student of science, and never willing to rank himself higher than any other, Reclus found himself "caught between science and utopia" and he became more and more uncertain of what humanity would be capable of in the future. The truth would always come out through reasoned discussion, he believed, so it was important to remove systematic distortion of communication.

"Within the evolutionary process," he said, "there are groups at different levels of evolution, and thus many opposing movements. Progress did not take place in a straight line, but in complicated curves; thus it was all the more necessary to examine the record with care. Even the ugliness and shame of the world evils that might otherwise have remained hidden. Hastening the death of a society without justice was progress, even if it were not immediately followed by the society that anarchists aimed to create."

Fleming's book is interesting and insightful, but a reader with little knowledge of French political history may have difficulties with it. For advanced students of revolutionary political thought, a variety of organizations and figures are examined, sometimes with considerable depth. It is stylistically flawless and extremely well-researched.

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of this sort. But these societies, few of which prosper while many perish, are all ruled more or less by force; they carry within themselves the seeds of their own dissolution and are reabsorbed by Nature's law of gravitation into the world in which they have left...

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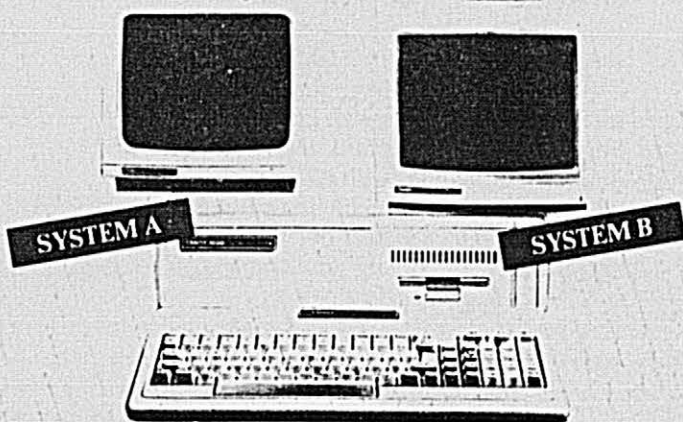
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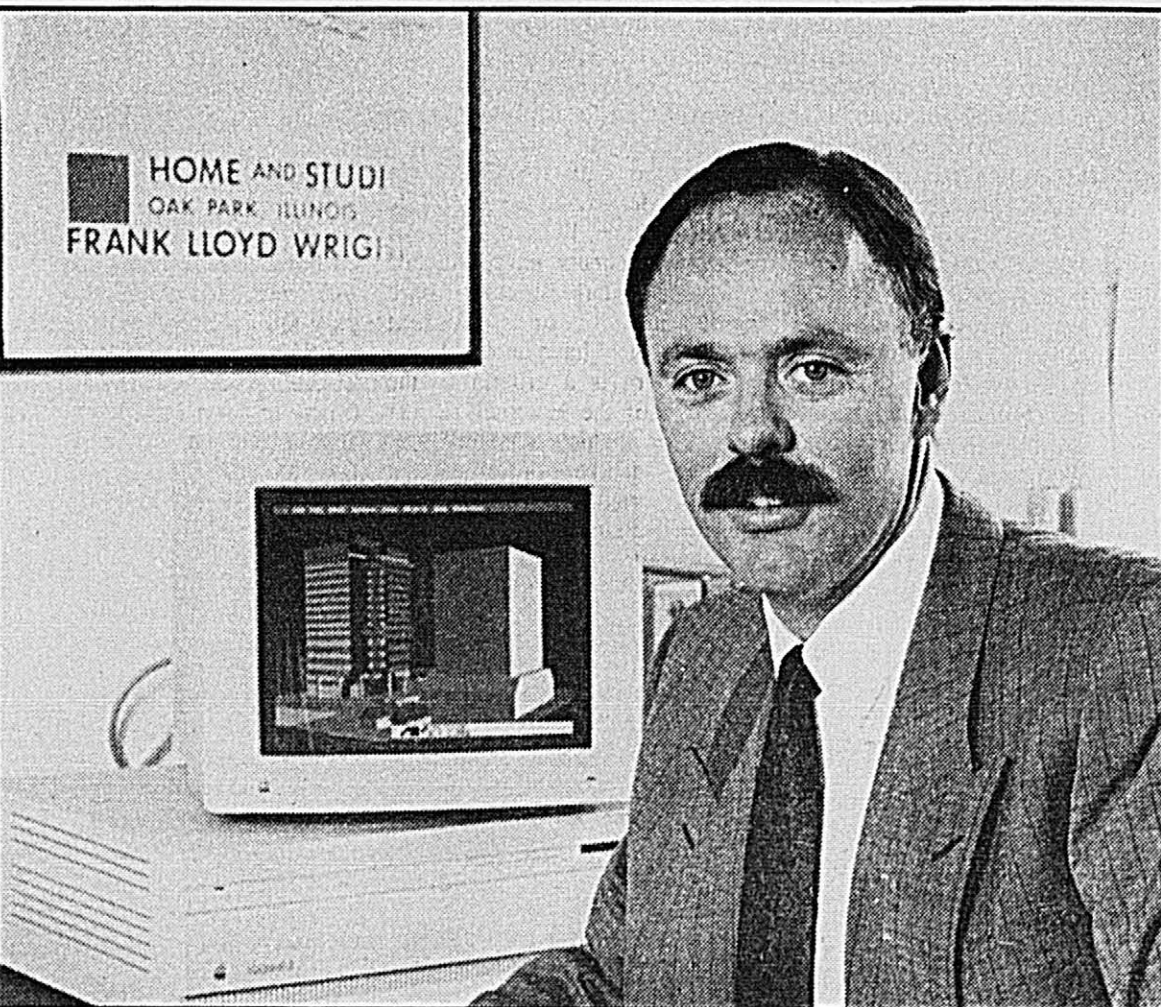
Tools for Peace: Tools for Peace information table on Nicaragua. Bring notebooks and donations for Nicaraguan schoolchildren while you're at it. 11h00-14h00. Union Building.

Black Students Network: Coffee House and Video. At 18h00 in ISA Lounge, Union 401.

Le Département de langue et littérature françaises: Conférence de Yannick Resch, Professeur à l'Université d'Aix-Marseille. Sujet: Montréal dans l'imaginaire romanesque Québécois. 18h00. Le Salon des Professeurs du Pavillon Peterson, 3460, rue McTavish. Renseignements: 398-6880.

Le Café: Committee to organize assistance for Chilean painter Alberto Boas, in conjunction with the Chilean Human Rights Committee. 18h00. 4837 Park. More Info: 270-5336.

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To the Daily:

I had not intended to dignify your article of September 21 (VP External still can't speak French") with a response. The story is full of half-truths and innuendo, and amounts to little more than a personal attack. However, I thought that most people would find this transparent and that it would not affect my responsibilities as Vice-President External. Yesterday a well qualified candidate for the External Affairs Committee withdrew her application, citing my lack of effort to learn French as her reason. Obviously, your article has impaired my effectiveness as Vice-President and undermined the credibility of Students' Society. Therefore, I must correct the errors in the article and lay to rest any doubts that it has raised.

I still recognize the importance of bilingualism to the V-P External and the External Affairs Committee and I am continuing efforts to improve my French. During the summer, I did register in an intensive French course at the McGill Ecole Française d'été. Two weeks into the course, I went to pay my fees (which amounted to almost \$650, not \$400 as reported in the *Daily*). When I went to Dawson Hall to register my eight credit program with the Faculty of Arts, I was informed that the Faculty did

not recognize the program, despite the fact that it is advertised as a McGill four credit program and is recognized by the Government of Canada bursary program. As I was not eligible for a government bursary, I did not feel that I could afford \$650 and five hours a day during the summer (on top of a full time position as V-P External) if McGill would not give credit for the program. I have continued efforts to learn French through conversation and following the French press. This may be a meagre substitute for an intensive French program, but my intentions remain sincere.

I feel that I have communicated successfully with francophone universities, a fact demonstrated by McGill's cosponsorship of a conference of Québec student associations with FAECUM, the student federation of the Université de Montréal. Francophone or bilingual students have attended every external meeting with government or student organizations I have attended, and bilingualism is a criteria in the selection of the External Affairs committee (which contains four bilingual members out of six, not two as reported in the *Daily*). I hope that francophone students and those concerned about SSMU's effectiveness at the provincial level will be reassured by this letter.

Mark Cameron

To the Daily:

On Friday, September 24, we the undersigned spent the evening at Gert's. We were partaking in the festivities associated with the men's 100m final in Seoul. The bar was buzzing with the anticipation of a Ben Johnson victory. In 9.79 seconds our celebration commenced. Six pitchers later, we were content that we paid homage to Ben. Since the man overstepped the boundaries of Olympic regulations, it is obvious our celebration was uncalled for. The son of a Bitch owes us \$40.50 plus tip.

Phil Armstrong U3
John Jagiellowicz U3
Richard Muruve U3

To the Daily:

As a McGill student, I am embarrassed at the pathetic welcome the McGill community gave Queen's University students visiting for our Homecoming. Queen's students, McGill alumnae (many in town for reunions), and anyone else without valid McGill IDs for that matter, were not allowed into the Union building on Saturday night after the football game.

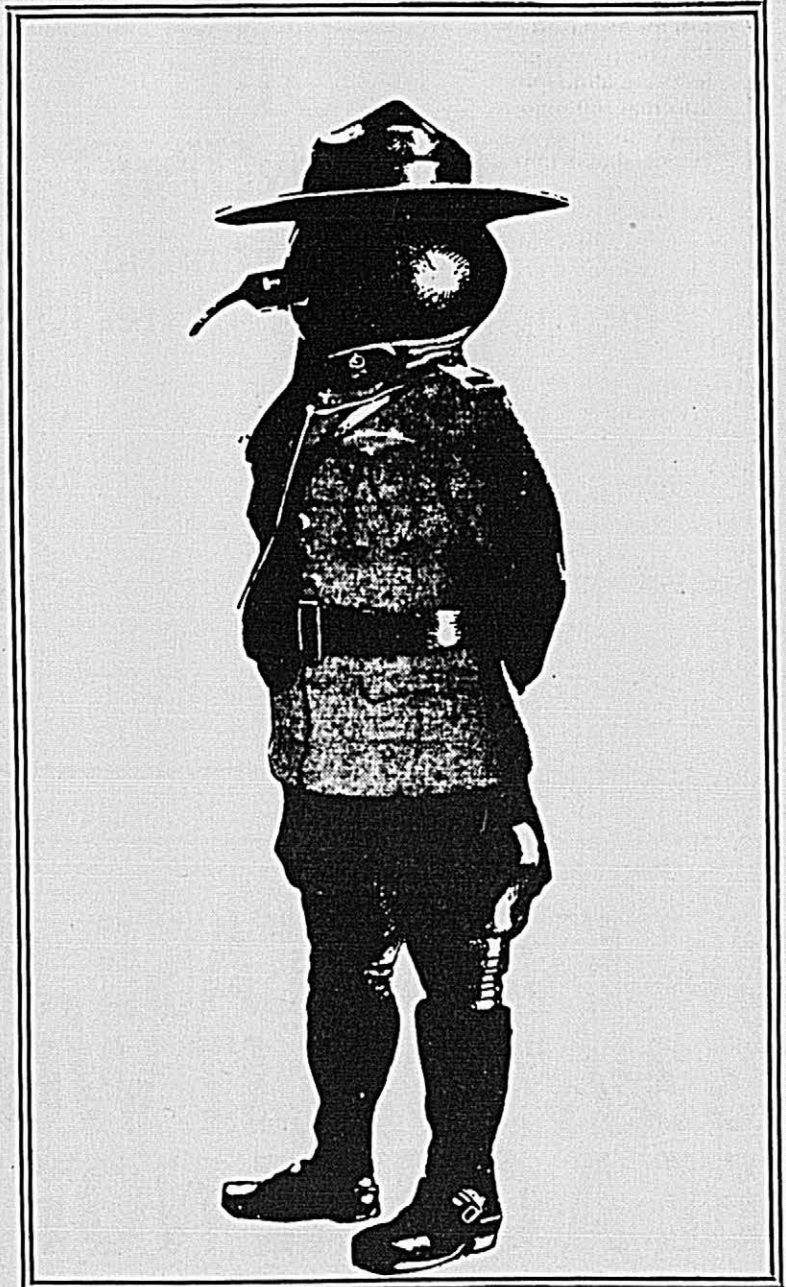
Of course, the SSMU (masters of this mess) allowed everyone into the building as soon as it was clear

that people sitting on the steps outside don't buy beer only sold inside. By that time most Queen's students had gone to other places in the city, including Peel Pub where some of them were beaten up by neanderthal bouncers. At least those people who had heard of the party up at Douglas Hall did have a great time.

The real problem with the whole situation is that the spirit of the Saturday night event was cancelled by the SSMU even though the

organizers (IFC, EUS, MUS and ASUS) collectively represent more than 90 per cent of the undergraduates at McGill. If the SSMU was more in touch with student opinion, and more directly involved in promoting school spirit, then maybe Homecoming would be a blast for all McGill students and guests, rather than just those of us who know where the parties are.

Michael Levitan
U3 Engineering



...elections

state their case, while those in question remain close-lipped on the issue. "The president used the discovery of fraud as a wedge to drive open her political avenue instead of presenting a united front in a crisis situation," Sweet told the *Daily*. "She put together a commission with sweeping powers to investigate the 'moral and financial state' of the membership, meaning, of course, the executive. She wanted to destroy our credibility. She wasn't a good leader. She used the crisis to steamroll the executive apart," said Sweet.

Schestakowich said MacArthur's commission was made up of "totally non-political" members of MUNASA, with one representative from each of the five sectors of McGill staff MUNASA represents. "It was to look into the situation and report back to the membership. It's mandate was clearly stated, to look into the financial responsibility and decision making process within

MUNASA. It was divorced from MUNASA, autonomous and objective," he said.

McGill Tribune coverage of the scandal, with by-elections pending, put the reputations of the executive at stake. "I have no problem with MUNASA's dirty laundry being aired," says MacArthur, "but not when it's assigning blame in the wrong places. None of my executive and none of my competitors have done anything wrong. The *Tribune* went and messed up a lot of their quotes and hurt people," MacArthur said.

The *Tribune* blamed 'Marie Sweet' with the theft, and used Schestakowich's criticism to call the petition calling for dissolution "fraudulent".

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